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# FACULTY NEWS

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## New Dean Selected for Veterinary College



Dr. George C. Christensen

Dr. George C. Christensen will become the new Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine effective July 1, 1963.

Dr. Christensen will succeed Dr. I. A. Merchant who will relinquish the duties of dean on July 1, due to the retirement age rule. The new dean is a native of New York state and 38 years old. He holds the D.V.M. (1946), M.S. (1950), and Ph.D. (1953) degrees from Cornell University. Dr. Christensen spent four years as an instructor at Cornell, coming to Iowa State as an associate professor in 1953 where he remained until 1958. In 1958 he became professor and head of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy at Purdue University.

Dr. Christensen is president of the American Association of Veterinary Anatomists. He is also active in the World Association of Veterinary Anatomists. He has done research and teaching in various schools and is the author of numerous papers and articles.



**Dr. John B. Herrick**

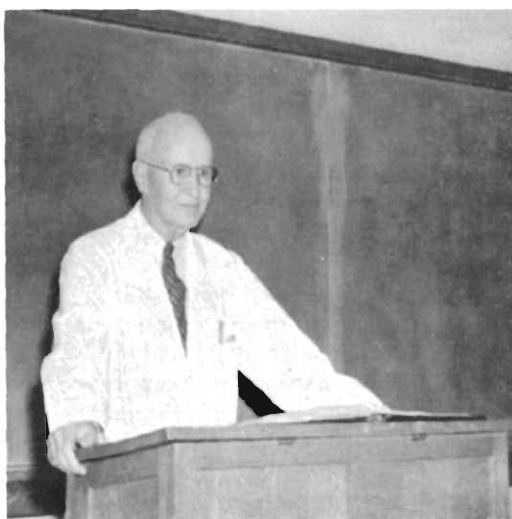
**Dr. John B. Herrick**, extension veterinarian at Iowa State University, was installed as president of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association at its 80th meeting January 23, 1963 in Des Moines.

Dr. Herrick, a Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State, is extension veterinarian in the field of cattle and sheep diseases, breeding, and artificial insemination.

Born at Sheffield, Iowa, in 1919, Dr. Herrick holds Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Iowa State. Before joining the University staff in 1948, he was a vocational agriculture instructor, chief veterinarian for a commercial hog company and a private practitioner.

#### **REMARKS MADE AT THE BANQUET ON JUNE 19, 1962**

I do not know how many in New Jersey heralded the arrival of a certain bundle of protoplasm in 1892.



**Dr. E. A. Benbrook**

Some two decades later students began to marvel at the wonders of mother nature in the selection of the genes responsible for one, Dr. E. A. Benbrook.

In this book is the evidence from hundreds of former students, colleagues and friends throughout the U.S. that they want to acclaim to the whole world, Dr. Benbrook, the positive and constructive influence that you have had on their lives this day, June 19, 1962.

To Iowa State in 1918 you came—one year later—Professor and Head—then to reign for 38 years from 1919 to 1957—and then 5 years more making a total of 44 years of service of a quality that probably will never be equalled.

What do students like about you, Dr. Benbrook?

For being a man devoid of sham, never wasting time in proffering alibis, willing to stand up for your own convictions, for assuming the responsibility for chartering your own professional course, throughout the years in which you firmly believe, for your personal renown and enviable record as a scientist, educator, speaker, authority in the fields of veterinary pathology and parasitology and a humanitarian, for being a scientist aware of the significance and value of truth, for your vitriolic tongue that has removed early malignancies of undesirable qualities from many of us, for

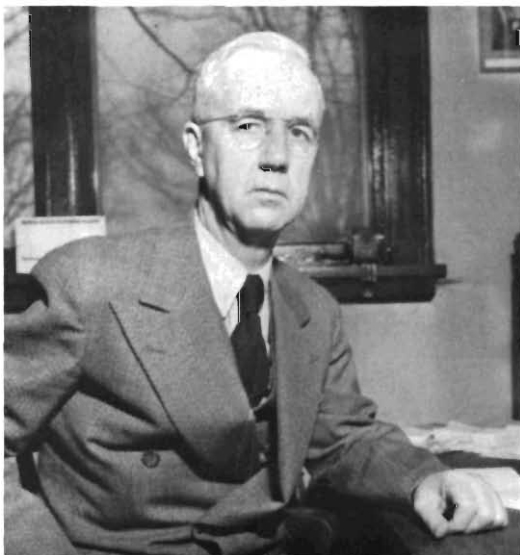
your eloquence in the class room, for being one of the most instructive, dynamic, thought provoking, and interesting teachers that we have ever had and for just being an individual that no one else can ever copy or be.

Father time says you're a man of some 70 years, but physiologically we know you are a man of lesser years.

Some one said that you have a guilty conscience for purchasing a pontoon boat. May this sizable check reimburse that bank account, soothe that conscience and let you know that all of us realize that no one is more entitled to this luxury than the Benbrooks.

Good luck and best wishes to a wonderful couple from the Ramseys.

Sincerely,  
F. K. Ramsey



Dr. Earl A. Hewitt

**Dr. Earl A. Hewitt** was born in Bronson, Michigan, the son of a Baptist minister, on September 29, 1891. His first year of life was spent in New York, and the remainder of his boyhood in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. When his father decided to retire from the ministry, they began farming a half section of land in Minnesota. Dr. Hewitt then became interested in raising horses which influenced his decision to become a veterinarian.

His education began at Denison University at Granville, Ohio. From this institution, he transferred to Des Moines College, Des Moines, Iowa, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1914. In the fall of 1914, he enrolled in the Division of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State College Ames, Iowa. In 1915 he received a Bachelor of Science degree and in 1917 he received his DVM.

Dr. Hewitt held the position of Fellow in Veterinary Anatomy and Histology at Iowa State from 1915-18. He was an instructor of these same subjects during 1918 and 1919. In 1919 he went to the University of Minnesota and instructed there until 1923, when he became an Assistant Professor. This he continued until 1929, when the University of Minnesota granted him a Master's Degree. Later he was granted the Ph.D. from the same institution. He was then invited back to Iowa State College as an Associate Professor of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology. Dr. Hewitt became a Professor in 1943 and Head of the Department in 1952. Dr. Hewitt reached the age of retirement for administrative duties in 1957, but continued as a Professor in the department once more.

The students and staff, past and present, will remember Dr. Hewitt as a dedicated teacher with a genuine interest in student development.

May his retirement from teaching be blessed with much happiness and good health.

## New Staff Members

**Dr. James K. Burt** joined the staff of the Department of Veterinary Obstetrics and Radiology as an instructor on November 16, 1962. Dr. Burt, whose home is in Des Moines, is a native of Iowa.

Following graduation from Des Moines Technical High school in 1951, Dr. Burt joined the U.S. Navy for four years. His tour of duty included a year in the Aleutian Islands and three years at San Diego, California.

Dr. Burt entered the Pre-Veterinary Curriculum at Iowa State University in 1956 and graduated from the College of Veteri-

nary Medicine in 1962. He was the recipient of the Upjohn Award and the Riser Small Animal Award for proficiency in small animal clinics.

He is a member of the ISU Veterinary Alumni Association, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and the A.V.M.A. Dr. Burt is also a member of Phi Zeta, Alpha Zeta, and Gamma Sigma Delta Honorary Societies.

Dr. and Mrs. Burt (the former Arlene Fisher of Bondurant, Iowa) have four children: Jeri, 7 years; Robert, 5 years; Cynthia, 3 years; and Laura, 9 months.



**Dr. James K. Burt**

**Dr. John H. Greve**, a Michigan State graduate of 1958 is a new Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathology. After receiving his D.V.M., Dr. Greve was awarded a Master's Degree in animal pathology in 1959 from Michigan State.

Dr. Greve was at Purdue from September, 1959 to January, 1963 at which time he was granted a Ph.D. in parasitology with his thesis on canine demodicosis (mange). He is serving as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology with instructing undergraduate and graduate courses in veterinary parasitology as his responsibility.



**Dr. John H. Greve**

Dr. Greve is a member of AVMA, American Society of Veterinary Parasitologists and Helminthological Society of Washington. He is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Zeta, and Sigma Xi Honorary Societies.

Dr. and Mrs. Greve and their three children, John, Suzanne, and Pamela are residing in Ames.

**Mr. Richard L. Engen** has joined the staff of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology. He is a candidate for a Doctor of Philosophy degree and will be on the teaching and research staff.



**Mr. Richard L. Engen**

A native of Yankton, South Dakota, Mr. Engen received his B.S. degree from Iowa State University in 1954. He continued his studies at Colorado State completing the requirements for a Master of Science degree with a research project dealing with the role of alfalfa in ruminant digestion. Upon receiving this degree in 1953, Mr. Engen joined the Morris Research Laboratories, Topeka, Kansas, as a research nutritionist. His work there dealt with protein requirements, biological values and mineral metabolism.

Married and the father of two girls and one boy, Mr. Engen resides at 1237 Hawthorn Apartments, Ames, Iowa.

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**Dr. J. E. Lovell** of the Veterinary Medical Research Institute presented a paper entitled "Distribution of Glycogen and Alkaline Phosphatase in the Uterus and Foetal Membranes in Early Pregnancy in the Sow" at the forty-third conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases in Chicago, November 26 and 27.

**Dr. M. A. Emmerson**, Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Radiology, was recently elected to the five man organizing committee of the American Board of Veterinary Radiology. This specialty committee, recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, will serve as an examining board for qualified veterinarians who wish to become certified and recognized as qualified veterinary radiologists.

Other radiologists serving on this board are: Dr. W. H. Rhodes, chairman, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. W. C. Banks, Texas A. & M. College; Dr. Wm. D. Carlson, Colorado State University; and Dr. G. B. Schnelle, Angell Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Emmerson became President-elect of the Society of Educators in Veterinary Radiological Science at its meeting in Chicago, Illinois on November 25, 1962. The President-elect acts as program chairman at the annual meeting in 1963 and President of the Society during 1964.

**Dr. W. P. Switzer** of VMRI attended NS-62 committee studying Enteric Diseases of Young Pigs, held in Lincoln, Nebraska on September 26.

**Drs. J. C. Picken, Jr. and L. H. Schwarte** of the VMRI attended the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases on November 26 and 27.

During the period Jan. 2 to Jan. 5, **Dean Merchant**, as a member of the Allergy and Infectious Diseases Training Grant Committee, conferred with applicants for National Institutes of Health Training and Research Career Awards at Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago; School of Medicine, University of Chicago; West Side V. A. Hospital, University of Illinois, Chicago; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

On January 8, **Dean I. A. Merchant** attended a planning meeting for an Inter-American Seminar to be held in Mexico during August, pertaining to teaching public health in schools of veterinary medicine in North and South America. The planning meeting was held in Washington, D. C. and was sponsored by the Pan-American Health Organization.

**Dean I. A. Merchant** attended two meetings in Santa Barbara, California during the month of January—one, the American Society of Immunologists, Jan. 19–21, the other, the National Institutes of Health Allergy and Infectious Diseases Committee, Jan. 22–23.

On February 19, **Dean I. A. Merchant** met with the I.S.U. alumni at the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association annual meeting held at the Pick Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. W. J. Zimmerman** of the VMRI attended the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases in Chicago from November 25 to 27. He presented a paper entitled "The Role of Management in Control of Sheep Parasitism."

On November 24 and 25 **Dr. H. W. Yoder, Jr.** of the VMRI participated in the meeting of NC-65 Technical Committee, which is studying airsacculitis, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. Frank K. Ramsey** spoke at the district association meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa on the subject, "Latest Research Developments in the Field of Virus Diarrhea-Mucosal Disease Complex."

**Dr. James R. Howard** and Dr. Ramsey discussed the topic, "Lightning," at the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association convention on January 22, 1963.

Dr. Ramsey will also be discussing lightning losses in Minneapolis February 7-8 at the State Association of Farmers Mutual Insurance Companies meeting. He is also giving a talk on "Significance of East Africa to You and Me."

**Dr. Burnell W. Kingrey** attended the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Association meeting at Scottsdale, Arizona, on November 28 and 29, 1962. He presented several papers on clinical diagnosis and also participated in a clinico-pathological conference while at the meeting.

At the Mississippi Valley Veterinary Medical Association meeting November 7 and 8 at Peoria, Illinois, Dr. Kingrey presented several papers on large animal subjects.

At the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association meeting January 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1963, Dr. Kingrey was elected president of the Iowa State Foundation of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association.

**Dr. Phillip T. Pearson** attended the Gaines Symposium at Michigan State University on January 23, 1963. He presented a paper on "A New Surgical Approach for Severe Medial Patella Fixation."

At the Michigan State post-graduate conference on January 22, Dr. Pearson gave a TV presentation "Canine Diaphragmatic Hernia Surgery."

January 22, 1963, Dr. Pearson presented a paper at the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Des Moines, entitled "Patella Luxation in the Canine."

On November 21, 1962, Dr. Pearson was awarded his Ph.D. in Pathology. His research dealt with surgery and pathology of the stifle joint.

**Dr. R. Getty** participated on the program of the 15th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society which was held at Miami Beach, Florida from November 8-10, 1962. The paper, "Cardiovascular Studies in the Hog" by R. Getty and B. Skold was presented by Dr. Getty to the section on Biological Sciences. The program was divided into four sections namely, biological sciences, clinical medicine, psychology, and social sciences and social welfare. This national program was attended by members of the various leading medical centers and hospitals from coast to coast at which time findings were discussed and presented as they applied to the overall problems of senescence in both man and animals.

On Monday, January 14, 1963, Dr. R. Getty was asked to participate on the Poultry Disease Training Program which was held at the National Animal Disease Laboratory, Ames, Iowa, from January 8 through 17. Members in attendance were from various portions of the United States who were actively engaged in various activities of the Poultry Inspection Branch of the Agriculture Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

**Dr. Bernard H. Skold**, Department of Anatomy and Histology, gave a lecture and demonstration at the National Animal Disease Laboratory in Ames on January 5, 1963. The lecture and demonstration was given at the meeting of the Midwest Branch of the Animal Care Panel and covered the basic anatomy, biology, and bleeding procedures of laboratory animals.

**Dr. H. H. Dukes** was presented the National Gamma award from the Omega Tau Sigma which is given to an outstanding veterinarian each year.

**Dr. F. C. Davison**, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology attended the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin January 12-14, 1963. He and **Dr. David Tyler** of the Pathology Department gave two talks as follows: "Nervous Disorders in Cattle" and "The Future of Veterinary Medicine."